

Concord Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>  
1857

Mr Blake,

I returned  
from New Bedford night  
before last. I met Scott  
there & learned from him  
that probably you had gone  
to Concord. I am very sorry  
that I missed you. I had  
expected you earlier, but  
last thought that I should  
get back before you came,  
but I ought to have no-  
tified you of my absence.  
However, it would have  
been too late, after I had  
made up my mind to go.  
I hope you lost nothing  
by going a little round.  
I took out the  
cellos ready at your request,  
at the time we spoke of them.

and left them in the  
chamber on some shelf  
or other. If you have  
found them very well;  
if you have not found  
them, very well; but tell  
Nate fit, if you see him.

My mother says  
that you & Brown &  
Rogers & Wasson (littles  
left behind) talk of "coming  
down on" me some day.  
Do not fail to come  
one & all, and within  
a week or two, if possible,  
else I may be gone again.  
Give me a short notice  
and then come & spend  
a day on Concord River -  
or say that you will  
come if it is fair, unless  
you are confident of  
bringing fair weather with  
you. Come & the Concord,

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as I have been Worcestered.

Perhaps you came  
nearer & me for not finding  
me at home, for trains  
I thought the more con-  
nect when trains of cars  
do not. If I had ac-  
tually met you, you would  
would have gone again, but  
now I have not yet dismissed  
you.

I hear what you say  
about personal relations  
with joy. It is as if you  
were to say, I value the  
best & finest part of  
you, & not the worst. I  
can even endure your very  
near & real approach, &  
prefer it to a shake of the  
hand. This intercourse is  
not subject to time or dis-

a very long  
letter from

Chalmers which I wish  
to show you. He speaks  
of sending me more books!!

If I were with you now  
I could tell you much  
of Ricketson, and my visit  
to New Bedford, but I do  
not know how it will be by  
24. I should like to have  
you meet R. who is the  
bravest man I know.

Also where he gets along very  
well together.

Channing has returned to  
Concord with me, probably  
for a short visit only!

Consider this a business  
letter, which you know  
counts nothing in the  
game we play.

Remember me particularly  
to Brown.

[Henry D. Thoreau]

Forge.

I have a piece  
of faithful & copied  
that the he can eat out of M.B.B.